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### **Squadron 18 Cadets Present Colors at Oakland Athletics Playoff Game**

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Four Civil Air Patrol cadets of the East Bay Cadet Squadron 18 color guard presented the colors at the Oakland A's post season game 5 of the American League Division Series against the Detroit Tigers on Oct. 11th.

Thousands of fans watched from the bleachers and on live national television as Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Cameron Leahy, Cadet Tech. Sgt. Antonio Isais, Cadet Sr. Airman Nicholas Bacogiannis and Cadet Sr. Airman Marc Novaes marched to center field of the Oakland Coliseum to present the colors during the pre-game national anthem.

"Presentations such as this are a perfect example of the Color Guard's commitment to volunteer service, one of Civil Air Patrol's Core Values," said Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Cameron Leahy, the 2012 Firebird Color Guard Commander. "Emotions such as fear, excitement, and nervousness are only a few ways to describe the thoughts racing through our heads...as the Color Guard and I walked onto center field."

This is the second time the East Bay Cadet Squadron 18 color guard has marched across the field of the Oakland Coliseum during the 2012 MLB season. Earlier this year on Jul. 3rd, the color guard posted the colors before the Oakland Athletics played the Boston Red Sox.

"Being on the other end of the yelling crowd is definitely an adrenaline rush," said Cadet Tech. Sgt. Antonio Isais. "it was humbling to realize the opportunity being set in front of me. So many of my peers won't ever have that opportunity to be privileged in such a way, it truly makes me proud to be a cadet in such an amazing organization."

*Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 57,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 90 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 71 years. For more information, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com).*

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